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In Re Application of:

**Eldridge et al.**

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Methods**

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Applicants elect for prosecution on the merits the invention of Group I:  
claims 1-16, 31-32 and 39-42. Such election is made without traverse. Please cancel  
without prejudice claims 17-30 and 33-38.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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